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- 1. The road via the Zlatitsa pass through the Balkan mountains, which joins Zlatitsa (N 42-43, E 24-10) to Etropole (N 42-50, E 23-59) and was practically impassable in the summer of 1952, is now open to all traffic. The boulders that were lying on the stretch running alongside the Maluk Iskur river on the north side of the pass have been cleared and the road is now being used by trucks collecting timber all along the route.
- 2. Most of the crushed stone and earth surface is in fair condition with some bad patches but there are many narrow stretches (about 3 meters wide) and several bad curves. The road is likely to be dangerous and at times impassable during the winter months from November to March.

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